



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

7 PERFECT DAYS IN THE
NORWEGIAN FJORDS



SCANDINAVIA



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WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

Our Knowledge & Experience

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting custom-designed journeys for 27 years. We are a team of specialists committed to providing the best travel experiences in our destinations. Each of our experts has either travelled extensively on reconnaissance trips, or has lived in their area of expertise, giving us unparalleled first-hand knowledge. Because we focus on specific parts of the globe, we return to the same destinations many times, honing our experience over the years.

Hand-Selected Guides

We know that guides are one of the most important components of any travel experience. That is why we only use local experts who have a history of working with our guests and whom we know personally. We are extremely particular in selecting our guides and are confident that they will be one of the most memorable aspects of any of our trips.

Authentic & Extraordinary Experiences

Our Extraordinary Experiences are different, unusual, and not something easily googled. We also know how important it is to remain authentic. Going beyond the obvious is becoming increasingly important to our guests, and we focus on developing experiences that enrich and enhance both head and heart. We also recognize that the obvious sights are still popular, and we make every effort to skip lines whenever possible, therefore maximizing time in each destination.

Original Custom Programs, Meticulously Planned

Our experts speak your language both literally and culturally. Our advice and recommendations are impartial, honest, and always have the individual in mind. We save valuable time in pre-trip research and offer smooth and effortless touring in each destination. Our planning is detailed, and we think of everything, including restaurant reservations. You will also have complete peace of mind on the ground with 24-hour local support.

Quality Vehicles

We use late-model luxury vehicles, often Mercedes, Audi, BMW, or Volkswagen, depending on the size of the vehicle you need.

DAY 1



ARRIVAL INTO BERGEN

Upon arrival into Bergen, you will be greeted just outside of baggage claim for your transfer to your hotel.

This afternoon, your guide will introduce you to the charming town of Bergen. Just steps from your hotel is the Old Bryggen, the original settlement of Bergen. Here just ten of the original gabled houses on the harbor still stand.

The city's oldest surviving church, St. Mary's, dates back to the 11th century. The Hanseatic merchants worshipped in this church and the detailing is testament to their generous donations.

The fish market is a "must see" and can be quite lively with locals. This is the place to sample different types of fish and meats. Try to taste the difference between wild or farmed salmon or maybe sample some reindeer sausage.

Afterwards, take the funicular to the Fløy Mountains for a truly spectacular view overlooking the city. You may choose to spend some time on the mountain, hiking around the various trails or hike down the mountain instead of taking the funicular.

EXETER SERVICES

Transfer; Guide (4 hours)

HOTEL

Bergen Bors

DAY 2



BERGEN-BALESTRAND

Today you will depart Bergen and begin your exploration of the fjords of Norway.

Depart on the train to Myrdal, where you will then board the historic the Flamsbana train, which takes you up some of the steepest train tracks in the world, passing by waterfalls, lush mountain sides, and into the heart of the Sognefjord, the king of the fjords.

Disembark the train in the tiny village of Flam. depending on your schedule, you might have time to explore a bit, stroll through the shops or grab a bite to eat.

Then board the express boat to continue though the fjord to Balestrand. Cruise along the towering mountains to arrive to Balestrand and the charming Kviknes hotel, set right on the fjord.

Tonight dine at the hotel with a view overlooking the fjord or take a short walk to the Ciderhuset to have a taste of the locally produced ciders. Reservations will be made on your behalf. The cost of your meal is payable locally. Your walk will take you past homes with typical Norwegian architecture and a stave church which serves as inspiration for the Disney movie "Frozen."

EXETER SERVICES

Trains; Boat

HOTEL

Kviknes

DAY 3



BALESTRAND-NORANGSFJORD

This morning, your rental car will be delivered to the Kviknes. The car rental is not included in the trip cost and is paid locally. A manual midsize car is 11900NOK (about \$1,200USD) and an automatic car is 14450NOK (\$1,450USD).

Your drive will take you by Sogndal, a small village perfectly situated along the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord. Enjoy the scenery of quaint villages dotting mountain sides and crystal waters.

Make your way to Jostedal Glacier where you will enjoy a private guided hike up the largest glacier in continental Europe. Your glacier guide will provide you will cramp-ons and an ice axe for stability on the ice. After tethering together, you will climb the frozen giant to a plateau on the ice, offering you unparalleled views over the valley below. Along the way, you will pass ice walls, crevasses, and streams passing through the glacier.

Afterwards, continue your drive to the Norangsfjord. At times, you may feel like the only people for miles as you navigate the road twisting and turning through the mountains. Serene lakes reflect the grandeur surrounding you.

Evening arrival to the charming Hotel Union Øye where you will be greeted by staff in traditional Norwegian clothing.

EXETER SERVICES

Car Rental; Glacier Guide (3-4 Hours)

HOTEL

Hotel Union Øye.

DAY 4



GEIRANGERFJORD

Today, we suggest that you take the time to explore Geiranger. Your journey includes a thirty minute drive to Hellesylt, where you will take the car ferry along the beautiful Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cost of ferry included. The ferry ride includes commentary on the sights along the way, including the famous Seven Sisters waterfall.

When you arrive to Geiranger there is a small village to explore.

We suggest testing your nerves on Norway's two most famous roads, the Eagle Road and Trollstigen Road. The Eagle Road, offers panoramic views of the Geirangerfjord (don't forget to stop at one of the viewpoints). A short ferry crossing will bring you to Linge where you will continue by car to the Troll Road, one of Norway's best known tourist attractions. The road has 11 turns and the highest point is 858 meters above sea level. Dramatic, exciting and the ultimate nature experience.

Afterwards, head back to Geiranger to board the ferry. Arrival back to Hellesylt, and then the 30 minute drive back to Hotel Union Øye

EXETER SERVICES

Car Rental

HOTEL

Hotel Union Øye



DAY 5

NORANGSFJORD-STORFJORD

Today depart at your leisure for Hotel Storfjord. The drive is approximately two hours. Your drive will take you along the scenic Hjørundfjord.

You may choose to stay at Hotel Union Øye this morning for a bike or hike though the stunning valley or maybe even a snorkeling excursion.

You may also want to consider a visit to the Loen Sky Lift. Via cable car, ascend to the mountain top, over 3,000 feet in just five minutes. Take in the stunning scenery in the restaurant up top or spend some time hiking around. This lift is one of the steepest cable cars in the world.

EXETER SERVICES

Car Rental

HOTEL

Hotel Storfjord

DAY 6



STORFJORD

Enjoy your day at leisure. Hike around the hotel's property or we can arrange for a hiking excursion around the Sunnmøre Alps. The secluded area offers majestic mountains rising up from beautiful narrow fjords.

Bike or kayak rentals are possible as well. A visit to a local farm is a great way to meet the locals, learn about their history and enjoy a meal with them.

EXETER SERVICES

Car Rental

HOTEL

Hotel Storfjord



DAY 7



STORFJORD-ONWARD

Today depart for the Ålesund airport and return your rental car for your departing flight. Your drive time is about 30 minutes.

EXETER SERVICES

Car Rental

WHAT IS INCLUDED



PRICES:

For Two (2) guests traveling together	April - October	From \$2,800 per person
For Four (4) guests traveling together	April - October	From \$2,475 per person

All pricing is per person and based on double occupancy. Airfare is not included. Travel is available November through April, but The Hotel Kvinkes In Balestrand is closed for the winter. Please inquire for winter experiences in the region.

Accommodations

Bergen

One Deluxe Room for One (1) night at the Bergen Bors; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Situated over the upper floors of Bergen's former stock exchange, the Bergen Bors is one of the city's newest upscale hotels. Its serene surroundings offer a wonderful oasis just steps from the busy city harbor. Their restaurant, Bare, has been awarded Bergen's first Michelin star. Three other dining options are available on the premise. The 127 rooms and suites are feature modern Scandinavia design. Guests have access to a free fitness suite. The hotel does not have air conditioning but does have a central heating system.

Deluxe Rooms: Feature 240-300 square feet with views overlooking the city. The rooms are furnished with a king bed and a small seating area.

Balestrand

One Historic Fjord View Room for One (1) night at the Kviknes; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

This historic hotel, run by the Kvikne Family since the late 1800s , offers a fantastic setting right along the banks of the Sognefjord. The hotel combines the charming historical elements of yesterday with today's modern amenities. The hotel features a large collection of Norwegian artwork and antiques from throughout the years. The stunning surroundings offer ample opportunities for hiking and biking. The Fjord View rooms provide magnificent views of the fjord. The rooms do not have air conditioning but the hotel does offer fans for guests to borrow during their stay.

Historic Building Rooms: The rooms feature traditional cottage style details, with spectacular views of the fjord. Please note there is no elevator access in the historic building. Bedding is queen or two twins. Rooms are different sizes, ranging from 150-200 square feet.

Norangsfjord

One Deluxe Room for Two (2) nights at the Hotel Union Øye; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Sitting in a quiet corner of Norway, on the Norangsfjord sits the Hotel Union Øye. Taking in guests since 1891, the 27 room hotel has been a stop for everyone from Kaiser Wilhelm to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The hotel is furnished with antiques, set along wood paneled hallways and fireplace warmed dining rooms. The staff wears traditional Norwegian dress, adding to the historic ambiance of the hotel. Each room is unique in size and decoration. Most feature king size beds or twin beds, and a walk-in shower. The rooms do not have air conditioning.

Deluxe Double Room: These are upgraded double rooms that are some of their finest rooms. These have either a four-posted bed or a balcony, some offer both. Some of these rooms also have bathtubs. Most of these rooms are located at the front of the hotel offering amazing views of the mountains surrounding them, the village of Øye, and the beautiful Norangsfjord.

Storfjord

One Fjord View Junior Suite for Two (2) nights at the Hotel Storfjord; Tax and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

Situated on an overlook on the Storfjord in the Sunnmore Alps, this boutique hotel with log walls is the perfect place to relax and take in some of Norway's gorgeous landscape. With only 23 rooms, every guest is treated like a VIP client. After a day in the outdoors, enjoy a drink from the hotels selection of fine wines while warming up by the large open fireplace or enjoying the galleried landing. The hotel has a kitchen specializing in local produce, specializing in cheese and a local ale only served here, Storfjordbrygg. Three course meals are served in the candlelit timber hall each evening. There are bicycles on site for guest use.

All rooms have free WiFi, work desk, sitting area, and private balcony or direct access to garden. Parking is free for guests. The rooms offer a ventilation system in some of the newer rooms.

Junior Suite with Fjord View is a 377 square foot luxury room with a king-size bed, sitting area with pull-out sofa, and a private balcony with views of the fjord.

Meals

No meals included, other than breakfast as described above. Your final documents will include our top recommendations.

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Car Rental

Not included.

Parking, Tolls, Fuel and Ferries

None Included.

Exeter International Travel Information

SELF-DRIVE

All Exeter International self-drive programs include full support throughout your program with our local 24-hour staff. You have the option of borrowing our GPS (we will pre-load your route) or sending us your own GPS to program prior to your trip. Your final documents will also include the basic driving rules for each country, including speed limits and other information.

BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four and a minibus for parties of five or more.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price and are at your own discretion. Please see your final documents for tipping suggestions.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

Booking Conditions

PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 30 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

For all new bookings made in 2020 and 2021, our deposits, while nonrefundable, are now flexible and applicable to any Exeter International journey if you are unable to travel as scheduled, valid for up to three years.

CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received fewer than 30 days prior to departure are subject to the following additional forfeit of tour cost

- 30-15 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or fewer days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2020. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.

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